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WE HAVE HAD NO DISCUSSION OF JERUSALEM-RELATED
UNESCO ISSUE WITH ALGERIANS, BUT ARE CERTAIN NAJMAN
IS CORRECT IN HIS ANALYSIS OF PROBABLE VOTING PATTERN,
AT LEAST AS FAR AS THIS COUNTRY CONCERNED, IF SPECIAL
SESSION WERE TO BE CONVENED. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT IT
WOULD TAKE TO GET ALGERIANS TO MODIFY THEIR POSITION,
BUT SUSPECT IT WOULD REQUIRE MORE THAN COSMETIC
CONCESSIONS BY ISRAELIS. THEY WOULD HAVE TO CEASE

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ALL EXCAVATING AROUND HARAM ASH-SHARIF AND WOULD HAVE

TO BE MAGNANIMOUS ABOUT RESTITUTION FOR PROPERTIES
DESTROYED, ETC. WE GATHER SUCH ACTION UNLIKELY, GIVEN
ISRAELI SENSITIVITIES ON JERUSALEM. FURTHERMORE, WE
NOT EVEN SURE ALGERIANS WOULD BE MOVED BY SUCH A
MAJOR STEP. THERE NOT MUCH INCENTIVE FOR THEM TO
RELAX THEIR POSITION, WHATEVER ISRAELIS DO. ARABS
HAVE SCORED POLITICAL VICTORY WHICH PROBABLY MORE
IMPORTANT TO THEM THAN EXCAVATION ISSUE.
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